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BOERNER BOTANICAL GARDENS SHOWCASE CRABAPPLE TREE COLLECTION

Hales Corners – The Boerner Botanical Gardens located in Whitnall Park, 9400 Boerner Drive in Hales Corners, is featuring its Crabapple Tree Collection now in full bloom. With more than 80 species of crabapple trees located throughout the 50 acres of the Gardens and 1000 acres in the Arboretum along the Root River Parkway, nature lovers will enjoy the beautiful sights.

"This year's bloom is spectacular," noted Boerner Director Shirley Dommer. "The summer-like weather we experienced in mid-April has sped up the growing process so we have a display that has been unmatched in recent history."

The Boerner Botanical Gardens are a living museum of plants that provide an outdoor classroom for horticultural and botanical enthusiasts as well as a tourist attraction for Milwaukee County. Within its confines there a number of gardens including those that feature roses, herbs, peonies, annuals, a testing ground for All-American Rose selections as well as an arboretum, daylily walk, rock garden and shrub mall.

The Boerner Gardens is also home to an Education and Visitors Center operated by the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens, which offers programs for plant enthusiasts of all skill levels. The Center also houses the Friends' Gift Shop and Nell's Café, which is operated by the Bartolotta Restaurant Group.

For more information on the Boerner Botanical Gardens crabapple tree collection, please contact Shirley Dommer at (414) 525-5601.

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